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1. Akram Zu'aytir, member of the Arab Higher Executive, recently arrived in Damascus by plane from Egypt. After staying for a while with Wasif Kamal, who had been a companion of the Grand Mufti while the Mufti was in Germany, and with a number of political personalities at the Orient Palace Hotel, Zu'aytir went to Beirut, accompanied by Kamal.

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- 2. Zu'aytir told source on 24 December 1948 that, during his visit to Beirut, he met with the following persons at the home of Muhammad 'Ali Bey Bayhum: Dr. Muhi-al-Din Barghut, head of the Najjadah; Sa'id Nablusi, head of the Palestinian Futuwwah; Da'ud Husayni; Muhammad Idrisi, Sa'd-al-Din 'Alami, and others. Zu'aytir stated that these persons had agreed to stage demonstrations in Beirut and other Lebanese cities if and when the Lebanese Government recognized King 'Abdullah's sovereignty over Palestine and Transjordan as a fait accompli. Zu'aytir further stated that the Syrian Government and people were ready to support any action taken by the Lebanese in this regard.
- 3. Zuiaytir attacked British policy, "which wants to create a Hashimite government in name and a British government in fact, on the ruins and corpses of the Palestinian people." He demanded open rapprochement with the Soviet Union in retaliation for Britain's policy, and promised to study this matter in conjunction with responsible authorities, in order to realize such a rapprochement soon (i.e., prior to the annexation of Arab Palestine by King 'Abdullah).

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